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SUBJECT: CONSERVATIVE PARTY CHAIRMAN TO BECOME BANK OF
FINLAND DIRECTOR

1. THE PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED JUNE 29 HIS APPOINTMENT OF
CONSERVATIVE PARTY CHAIRMAN HARRI HOLKERI, 41, AS DIRECTOR
OF THE BANK OF FINLAND TO SUCCEED PAIVIO HATEMAKI AS OF
SEPTEMBER 1, 1978, WHEN HETEMAKI (CONSERVATIVE) RETIRES.
HOLKERI SAID THAT HE INTENDS TO INFORM THE SPEAKER OF
PARLIAMENT IMMEDIATELY ABOUT HIS DECISION TO QUIT PARLIA-
MENT, EFFECTIVE ON THE DATE WHEN THE AUTUMN SESSION PERI-
OD BEGINS. HIS SEAT WILL BE TAKEN OVER BY RITVA LAURILA,
A MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY FROM HELSINKI.

2. HOLKERI STATED THAT HE WILL STAY ON AS CHAIRMAN OF
THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY UNTIL THE PARTY CONGRESS IN JUNE,
1979. SKDL (COMMUNIST FRONT) CHAIRMAN ELE ALENIUS LEFT
PARLIAMENT WHEN HE WAS APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF THE BANK
OF FINLAND LAST YEAR, BUT HE REMAINED CHAIRMAN OF HIS
PARTY. DIRECTOR AHTI KARJALAINEN (CENTER PARTY) IS AT
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PRESENT ALSO A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT BUT HAS ANNOUNCED
HIS INTENTION NOT TO BE A CANDIDATE FOR REELECTION.

3. HOLKERI'S APPOINTMENT HAS STIRRED SPECULATION
CONCERNING HIS SUCCESSOR AS PARTY CHAIRMAN, BUT IT IS
NOT EXPECTED TO HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE CON-
SERVATIVE PARTY'S ELECTION PROSPECTS IN THE COMING

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS. ACCORDING TO INDEPENDENT
HELSINGIN SANOMAT, MP PENTTI SILLANTAU AND FORMER
MP ILKKA SUOMINEN HAVE BEEN MENTIONED AS POSSIBLE
SUCCESSORS.

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